

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 12 Jan 58		2. LOCATION Peoria, Illinois		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 12/1700Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE Westerly		<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Elliptical obj, size approx 14 ft by 28 ft, dull aluminum. At least 5 triangle shaped fins & looked like rear of 58 Chrysler auto. Circular balls on end of each fin. No sound. Entire obj rotated when ascending. At time of observation, obj hovered motionless at height of elec light poles. Obj rose to undetermined height & traveled in Westerly direction w/o maneuvers.			11. COMMENTS Not concluded, could not effect cooperation of civil authorities. Case listed as insuf data.		



COORDINATION

AFCIN-4

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OFFICE OF RECORD

AFCIN-4X2b AFCIN-4B4

12 FEB 1958

Mr. [REDACTED]  
Office of Sheriff  
County of Peoria  
Court House  
Peoria, Illinois

AFCIN-4X2c

AFCIN-4X3

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

AFCIN-4X4

We are in receipt of your reply to our telegram of January 31, 1958 regarding a query of an incident that took place in Peoria, and submitted as part of our official investigations of the case.

AFCIN-4X5

It appears that your office was unaware that the report from Hanna City is the basis for our queries. This Center is the agency responsible for the screening of the investigative data and analyses of reports of this nature.

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AFCIN-4B

We are of the opinion that an object of the size, shape and nature reported by the principals in the case, observed in broad daylight off a street intersection would have been observed by many others and undoubtedly brought to the attention of the sheriff's office, the police or the press.

AFCIN-4C

It would be appreciated, therefore, if a survey of the city's sheriff and police records be made, together with any other local checks deemed necessary by your office to determine if such an incident actually occurred or was reported. Your comments and findings will be of great assistance.

AFCIN-4D

To assist you in this matter we are also attaching previous correspondence related to this case.

AFCIN-4E

Sincerely,

WALLACE W. ELWOOD  
Captain, USAF  
Assistant Adjutant4E4, G.T. Gregory 10 Feb 58  
4E4 H.A. Wiley 11 Feb 58  
4E [Signature] 2/14/58

AFCIN-4F

- 2 Incls  
1. Previous corres  
2. Addressed envelope

OTHERS

PERM	
TEMP	
90 DAYS	
INITIAL	



Multi 35  
Ops, 791st ACWRON, 14 Jan 58, Subj: Report of Unidentified Object

ADODI-B

1st Ind

23 JAN 1958

Headquarters, Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado

TO: ✓ Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: AFCIN 4E4,  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

*Misinterpretation of known object 72f*



MPB

791ST AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON (ADC)  
United States Air Force  
Hanna City Air Force Station, Illinois

OPS

14 January 1958

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Object

TO: Commander  
Air Defense Command  
Ent Air Force Base  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. Description of the object.

- a. Elliptical
- b. Size approximately 14 feet by 28 feet.
- c. Dull aluminum.
- d. None observed.
- e. None
- f. Elliptical object with at least 5 triangle shaped fins and looked like rear of 1958 Chrysler automobiles. *Just sure?*
- g. Circular balls on end of each fin from object.
- h. No sound.
- i. Entire object rotated when ascending from position observed. At time of observation object hovered motionless and was suspended at height of electric light poles.

2. a. Persons were returning home from church when autos in front of them stopped to look at object.

b. 45° angle - 290° azimuth. ✓

c. 60° angle - 270° azimuth. ✓

d. Object rose to undetermined height and went in westerly direction. Object did not maneuver at anytime.

e. Object disappeared behind trees near area of home.

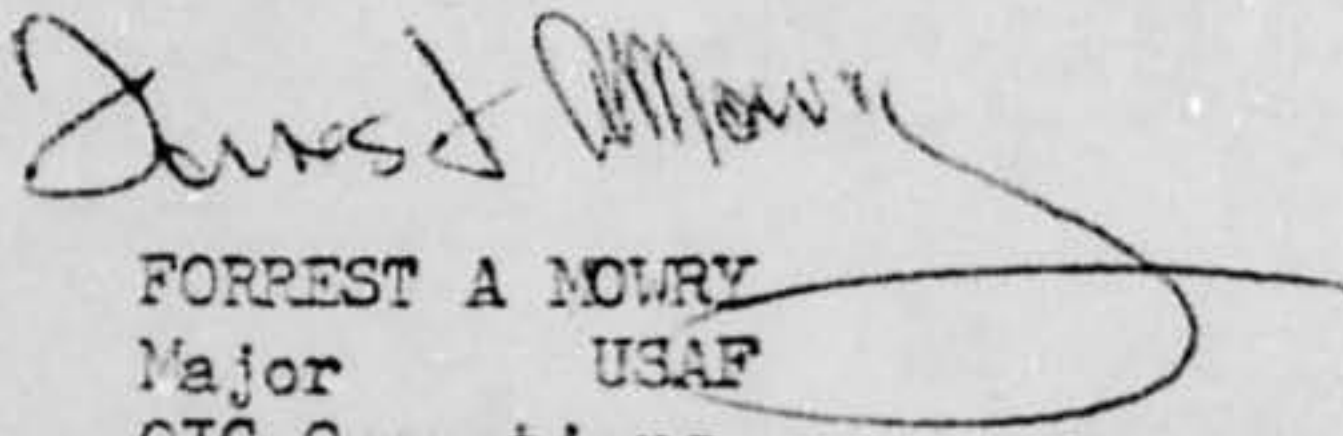
f. Object was observed for approximately 10 minutes.



*5 ft.*  
*If seen in the middle of town near high noon - somebody else must have also seen it. Don't ask for a receipt. See Helms to Chicago.*



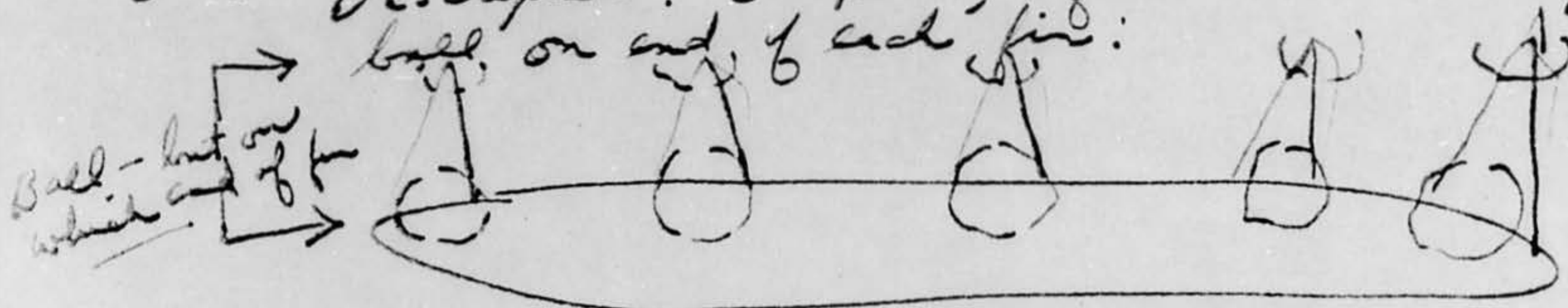
3. a. Ground-visual.  
b. Visually.  
c. N/A
4. a. 1700Z - 12 Jan. 58  
b. Day
5. Observers were in automobile in vicinity of Sterling Avenue and Albany Avenue in Peoria, Illinois when object was sighted.
6. a. Mrs. [REDACTED] - age approx. 30 - [REDACTED]  
Mrs. [REDACTED] - age approx. 28 - [REDACTED]  
Occupations of both persons - Housewife
7. a. Bright, sunny day.  
b. SE 10, 5,000 (210/20) 10,000 (210/25) 15,000 (200/30)  
20,000 (200/30) 30,000 (210/35) 50,000 (240/50)  
c. High overcast, 14,000 ft., scattered.  
d. Seven (7) miles.  
e. High overcast.  
f. None
8. None
9. None
10. Air traffic was active in vicinity of Peoria Airport.
11. OIC of Operations. Observers at time of obtaining information was sincere in their observations.
12. None.

  
FORREST A MOWRY  
Major USAF  
OIC Operations



# Analyst's Comments:

1. Strange, a number of persons apparently observed this (alleged) UFO, but only 2 persons reported it.
2. It was observed in the middle of a fairly good sized city - near noon.
3. It was observed just off the ground, ~~estimated~~ 100. height of electric light pole.
4. Observed for 10 minutes - at such close proximity - yet object ~~could~~ <sup>could not</sup> be identified other than that it looked the back of a 1958 Chrysler auto. This, particularly when the object was described as of a fairly large size - 14 by 28 feet.
5. Description: Elliptical, 3 fins like 1959 Chrysler, ball on end of each fin:



6. Since not reported by city police, others, etc - ~~where~~  
this was manifestation of known  
object:

27 Jan 58





## JOINT MESSAGEFORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

UNCLASSIFIED

SPACE BELOW RESERVED FOR COMMUNICATION CENTER

31 JAN 58 19 00 Z

SCA36 NW  
31-19152

PRECEDENCE	TYPE MSG (Check)			ACCOUNTING SYMBOL	ORIG. OR REFERS TO	CLASSIFICATION OF REFERENCE
ACTION	ROUTINE	BOOK	MULTI	SINGLE		
INFO				X	AF	

FROM: COMDR, AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

TO: CHIEF OF POLICE  
PEORIA, ILLINOIS

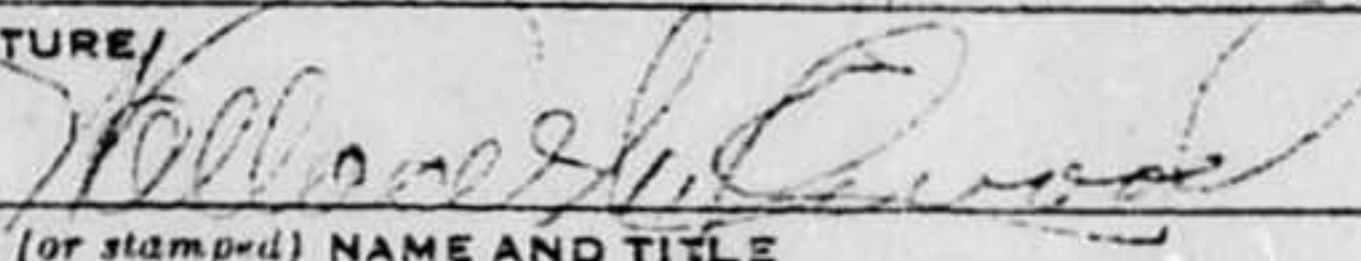
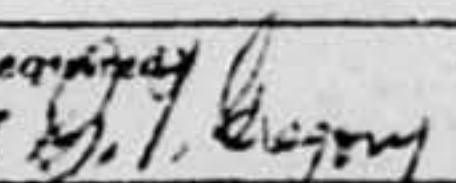
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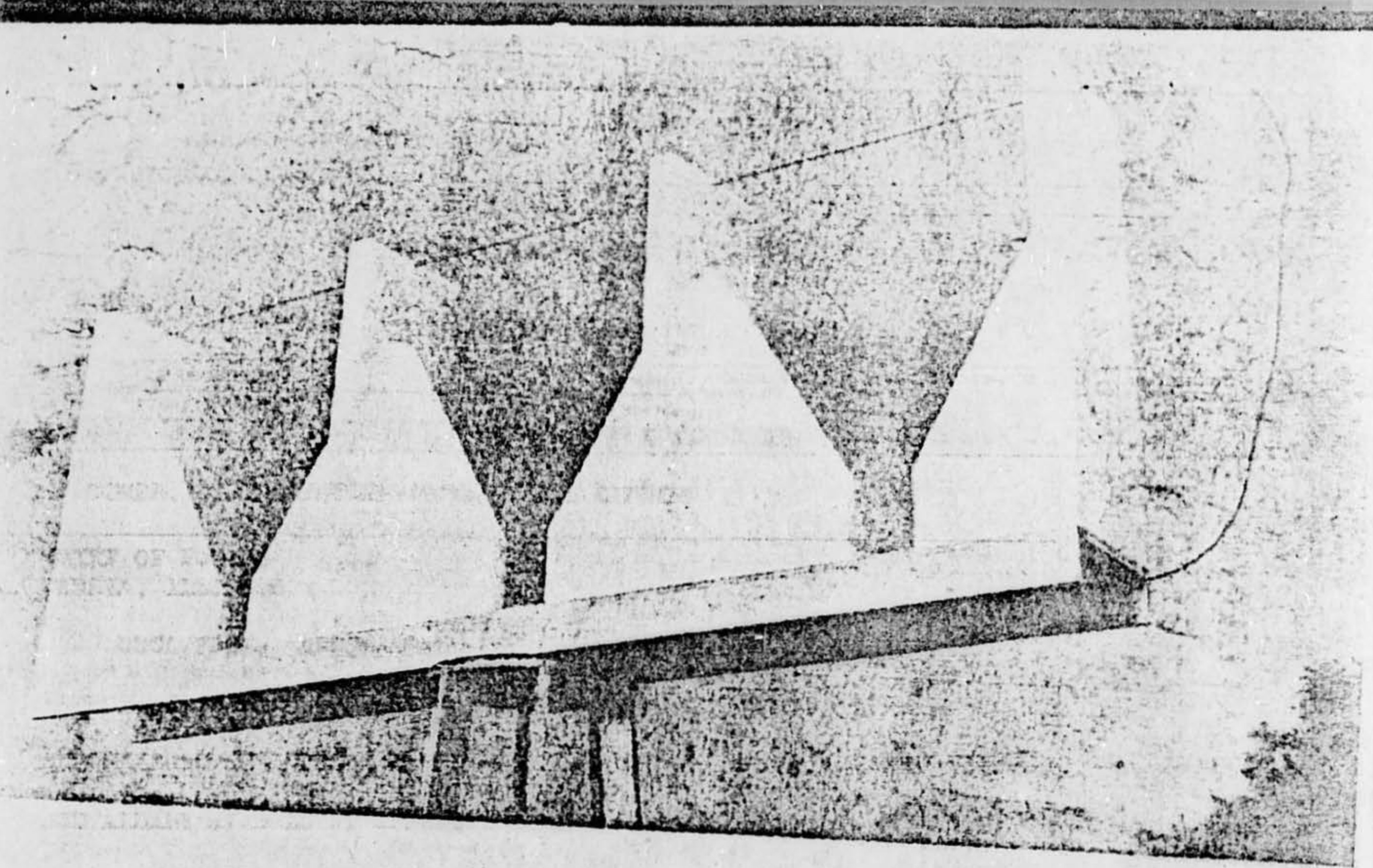
PLEASE ADVISE IF YOUR DEPARTMENT HAS KNOWLEDGE OF ANY STRANGE OBJECT REPORTED TO AF INTELLIGENCE, WHICH ALLEGEDLY TOOK PLACE NEAR STERLING AND ALBANY AVENUES AT APPROXIMATELY 11:00 A.M. ON JANUARY 12 THIS YEAR. PRINCIPALS INVOLVED ARE MRS. [REDACTED] AND MRS.

[REDACTED]--BOTH BELIEVED TO RESIDE ON W. HAUKE AVENUE. THIS REQUEST IS PART OF AF RESPONSIBILITY OF INVESTIGATING ALL REPORTS OF UNUSUAL AIR PHENOMENA. OBJECT WAS REPORTED AS HANGING MOTIONLESS FOR TEN MINUTES JUST OVER ELECTRIC LIGHT POLES, AND DESCRIBED AS ELLIPTICAL IN SHAPE, HAD FIVE FINS LIKE REAR OF 1958 CHRYSLER, EACH FIN HAD A BALL ON EACH END. ALUMINUM COLOR. STRANGE ASPECT OF REPORT IS THAT OBJECT WAS OBSERVED FOR TEN MINUTES OVER A LARGE CITY IN BROAD DAYLIGHT, YET NOT REPORTED BY OTHERS. LOCAL AIR FLIGHT OPERATIONS, AIRCRAFT AND RADAR UNITS FOR YOUR AREA REPORT NOTHING UNUSUAL OBSERVED AT THAT TIME AND DATE. YOUR FINDINGS AND COMMENTS

DATE	30	TIME	1400
MONTH	Jan	YEAR	1958

SYMBOL	AFCIN-4E4			RELEASED	SIGNATURE			
TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required)	Capt. G. T. Gregory 				TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE	WALLACE W. ELWOOD Captain, USAF Assistant Adjutant		
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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION	UNCLASSIFIED							





## Twist for Antennas

See Page 403

1. Plastifoam -
2. Antenna elements embedded in wall
3. Mr. H. says the material is better than  
the manufacturer in Pecan  
note similarity to what "Lil" did for Radio  
at Sunday.



## JOINT MESSAGEFORM - CONTINUATION SHEET

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

UNCLASSIFIED

FROM:

CCMDR, AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER

WOULD BE APPRECIATED. IN REPLY REFER TO AFCIN-4E4, PEORIA,  
ILLINOIS CASE.

## COORDINATION

AFCIN-4E4 H. A. Miley DATE 30 Jan 58  
DR. H. A. MILEY

AFCIN-4E H. K. Gilbert DATE 31 Jan 58  
COL. H. K. GILBERT

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FRED W. MONTGOMERY,  
SHERIFF

OFFICE OF SHERIFF  
COUNTY OF PEORIA

COURT HOUSE  
PEORIA, ILLINOIS



MEMBER  
WILLARD KINGSLEY,  
CHIEF DEPUTY

454  
February 4, 1958

Commander Air Technical Intelligence Center  
Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Re: Telegram - January 31, 1958  
"Unusual Object"

Dear Sir:

In regards to your telegram for information seen in Peoria, Illinois about 11:00 A.M. on January 12, 1958, I have the following information.

Information obtained from the Hanna City Radar Base, Hanna City, Illinois. I was informed that they have written a report and sent said report direct to the Ent Air Force Base - Colorado Springs, Colorado.

If I can be of any further service to your department please advise, I remain,

Very truly yours,

[Redacted signature]

FWM/pmn